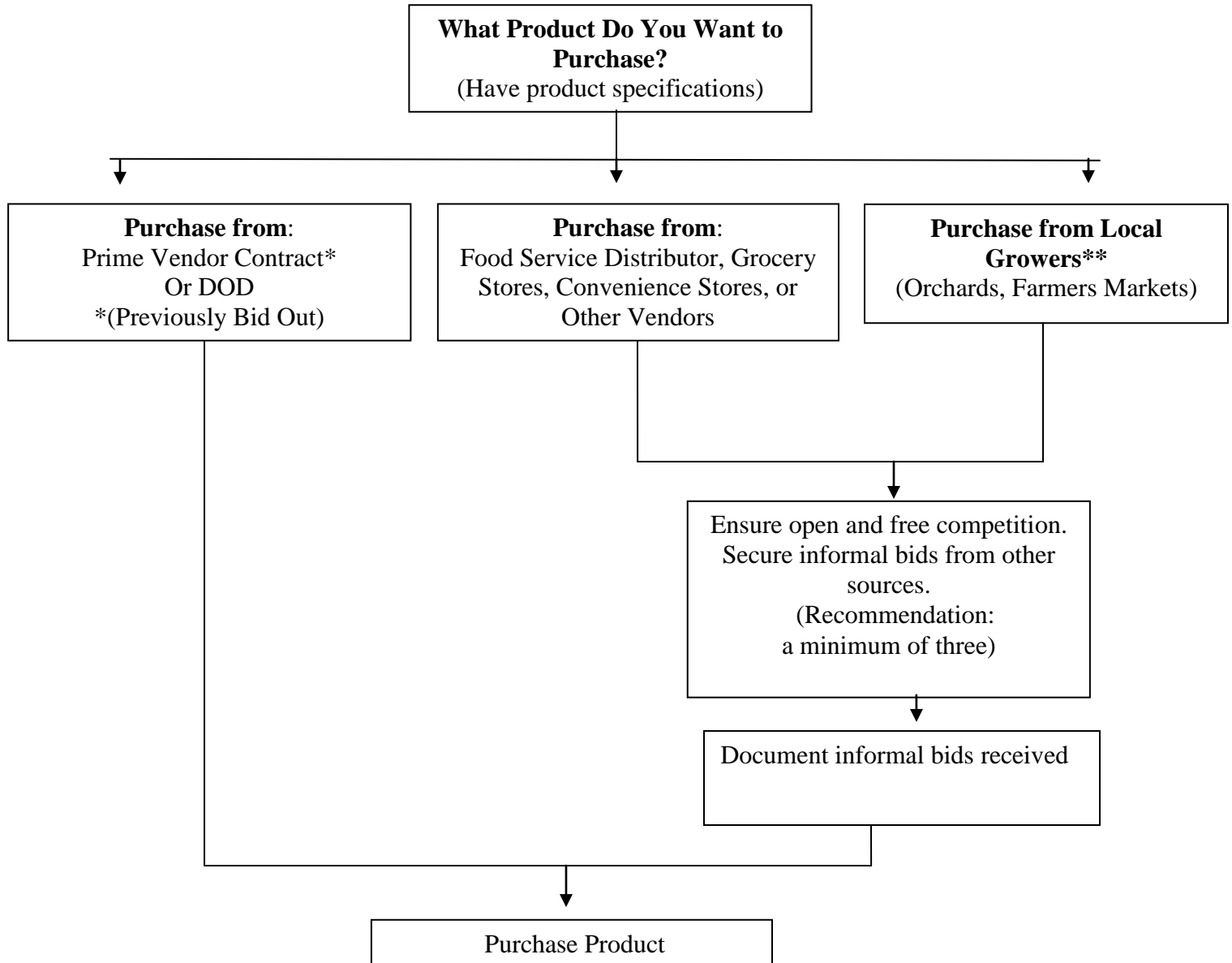


Procurement Guidelines For Fresh Fruit and Vegetables



****Geographical Preference**-USDA encourages schools to purchase locally grown, whole, minimally processed and products in a usable form (chopped, cut, sliced, diced or shucked). Therefore, you may apply a geographical preference when procuring these products. A SFA must still get quotes from a reasonable number of farmers which allows competitors an opportunity to compete for the bid.